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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

12 CR. 45 (RJS)

5 JERMAIN DORE and DWAYNE
6 BARRETT,

7 Defendants.
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9 March 4, 2013
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11 Before:
12 HON. RICHARD J. SULLIVAN,
13 District Judge
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1 (Case called)

2 THE COURT: Was there a problem today with clothing?

3 MS. FONTIER: Your Honor, I am Alice Fontier on behalf
4 of Mr. Dore. It just came to our attention that his family was
5 not able to bring him clothing so we brought clothing -- well,
6 Ms. Stafford brought clothing to Court this morning. So, he is
7 being dressed this morning. And I spoke to Kristin Coleman in
8 legal at MCC and she has made arrangements to make sure we can
9 bring the extra clothing to MCC at lunch today so there won't
10 be any further issues.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 Mr. Barrett?

13 MR. ROTH: He is putting his tie on now. I may have
14 to assist him, but he has his clothing. I had it delivered to
15 MCC after a little struggle, but.

16 THE COURT: Have a seat.

17 You can put your tie on Mr. Barrett, you don't have to
18 stop. You can do that, okay?

19 I got something from Mr. Roth this morning asking to
20 add two names to the list of individuals and entities that
21 might be named as witnesses; is that right, Mr. Roth?

22 MR. ROTH: Yes.

23 THE COURT: I will add them, obviously, but I already
24 printed up all the questionnaires and there is, like, a hundred
25 of them, so.

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1 MR. ROTH: I apologize, your Honor. It was just in
2 continued review of the 3500 that these names came up and in an
3 abundance of caution I wanted to add them.

4 THE COURT: Do you think these are people whose names
5 will come up during the trial.

6 MR. ROTH: They are people the defense may call as
7 witnesses.

8 THE COURT: What is Rodriguez' first name?

9 MR. ROTH: Judge, it is not indicated in the report.
10 I will endeavor to get it from the government or my own
11 resources.

12 THE COURT: Well, this is a Sergeant Raul Rodriguez
13 from the New Rochelle Police Department.

14 MR. ROTH: It is not him.

15 THE COURT: Is it NYPD?

16 MR. ROTH: Yes.

17 THE COURT: Does the government know who this person
18 is? I would rather not say Police Officer Rodriguez because
19 that's likely going to read lead to a lot more positive answers
20 than if we have a first name.

21 MS. MASELLA: Your Honor, we don't know off the top of
22 our head. We were not planning to call him as a witness.

23 THE COURT: All right, but you have a report that you
24 have seen a reference?

25 MR. ROTH: That they supplied to us.

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1 THE COURT: Can you show the government the report?

2 MR. ROTH: Absolutely; but it doesn't have his first
3 name, it doesn't have his shield number.

4 THE COURT: But whoever wrote the report is presumably
5 available to the government and can tell us who that person is
6 so let's do that so that I have a name that I will be reading
7 to the jury. Okay?

8 MS. MASELLA: Your Honor, we will have to make a quick
9 phone call.

10 THE COURT: We can do that at the break. I think we
11 have time before the jury gets here because on a Monday they're
12 getting oriented so they're getting information and seeing a
13 film. They usually are not ready until a little after 10:00.

14 The other thing I wanted to cover was the timing of
15 the Daubert hearing. So, the government sent a letter
16 indicating that their witness would be available sometime this
17 week, right?

18 MS. MASELLA: Yes, your Honor. I have spoken with
19 Detective Fox. We would propose -- I mean, he is fairly
20 available during this week either in the morning or in the
21 afternoon before or after the court day. In speaking with
22 Ms. Fontier we thought that Thursday might be best, either in
23 the morning before the jury arrives or to have them arrive a
24 little bit later, or in the afternoon and sending them home a
25 little bit earlier. Detective Fox can do other one.

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1 Ms. Fontier has a slight preference for the afternoon but the
2 government can do either one.

3 THE COURT: I'm not sure that is going to work for me.
4 Thursday is not a great day. Wednesday afternoon is a better
5 day at the end of the court day. We can finish at 5:00 I
6 guess.

7 How long do we think the hearing will be?

8 MS. MASELLA: I would anticipate that Detective Fox'
9 direct testimony would probably be 30 to 40 minutes.

10 THE COURT: Maybe Wednesday at 4:30. Can we do that.

11 MS. MASELLA: That's fine, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Ms. Fontier, does that work for you?

13 MS. FONTIER: That's fine, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Roth?

15 MR. ROTH: Yes. That's fine, Judge.

16 THE COURT: So let's, Aaron, just put that down so we
17 don't forget.

18 So let's talk about openings. How long do you think
19 the openings are going to be?

20 MS. LESTER: Your Honor, the government's opening will
21 be approximately 12 to 15 minutes.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 And then Ms. Fontier?

24 MS. FONTIER: It will be similar, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: And Mr. Roth?

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1 MR. ROTH: Similar as well, Judge.

2 THE COURT: So, then we should have no trouble getting
3 to those today, and then I presume we will be getting to some
4 witnesses today. So, who are the first witnesses up?

5 MS. MASELLA: Your Honor, the government will be
6 calling Jesse Singh and then two police officers, Officers
7 Villanueva and Segarra. We provided those names to the
8 defense.

9 THE COURT: Who are the people again?

10 MS. MASELLA: Jesse Singh, and then Officer
11 Villanueva, Carlos; and then Officer Luis Segarra.

12 THE COURT: And if we had openings, I don't know how
13 long it will take us to pick a jury, but if we open at 2:00 do
14 you think that will take us through the end of the day, those
15 three witnesses?

16 MS. MASELLA: They are fairly brief, your Honor. We
17 are prepared with additional witnesses after that if we finish
18 those as well.

19 THE COURT: I don't know how long we are going to go
20 but I don't want to have a sort of stopping early just because
21 the government, in the first instance, mischaracterized whether
22 we would finish a particular witness. So, make sure you are
23 being conservative in your estimates as to how long everything
24 is going to take and that you have your witnesses here and
25 ready to go.

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1 MS. MASELLA: Yes, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Any questions about jury selection?

3 MR. ROTH: Before we get there, Judge, just two
4 outstanding matters that I was conferring with the government
5 about.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. ROTH: I made a request of the government to
8 produce what has been designated in the NYPD reports as a
9 pattern file of complaining witnesses -- pattern instant file
10 from the NYPD.

11 THE COURT: I'm not sure I'm following you.

12 MR. ROTH: This is my understanding from the NYPD.
13 When there is a series of crimes where there is some
14 similarities either in victims or perpetrators or areas, they
15 create a file and they designate it as such while in the course
16 of the investigation of those instances or potential
17 perpetrators as they go along and investigate the case. That
18 file number has appeared in one or more of the UF-61s and the
19 DD-5s that have been produced in this case. I think that that
20 is something that is germane to this investigation. It is my
21 understanding that's part of the way the investigation unfolded
22 and that witnesses who are testifying, law enforcement officers
23 in particular, may have accessed -- presumably accessed that
24 file and acted with information that was contained in that
25 file.

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1 THE COURT: Well, I mean, I'm not sure that that is
2 true. I don't know what your basis for thinking that is. I
3 mean, the fact that there is a file some place that the NYPD
4 kept doesn't necessarily make it something that should be
5 either Rule 16 discovery or Giglio impeachment 3500. So,
6 unless there is an articulable basis for saying that it is one
7 of those, I'm not sure --

8 MR. ROTH: It would seem to me inexplicable if a
9 detective who is investigating a series of robberies and trying
10 to make connections between the victims or the perpetrators
11 does not source that particular file that is -- concerns this
12 pattern that was ultimately solved, as the government believed,
13 in the fashion of this indictment.

14 THE COURT: Look. I don't know. If the witness
15 reviewed these materials then, in connection with their
16 testimony, then I think that would obviously have to be
17 produced.

18 Are you saying something else?

19 MR. ROTH: No, that's what I'm saying. That's
20 specifically what I'm saying.

21 THE COURT: I assume the government understands what
22 its obligations are with respect to 3500 Giglio impeachment
23 material.

24 MR. ROTH: For instance, Judge, I heard today for the
25 first time that there were some lineups conducted that we do

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1 have some information on -- not lineups, I say photo arrays,
2 where some of the people who were mentioned in that pattern act
3 file were shown, in this case, to victims.

4 So, it seems to me that it was sourced -- that file
5 was sourced in the course of this investigation by witnesses
6 who were going to testify about this investigation.

7 THE COURT: I'm not sure if sourced is different than
8 reviewed.

9 MR. ROTH: Reviewed. I'm saying reviewed. How did
10 they get the pictures to put in a photo spread?

11 THE COURT: Well, I don't know.

12 What is the government's response?

13 MS. LESTER: Your Honor, I think first of all it may
14 be a bit of a misnomer to be talking about a pattern file. Our
15 understanding from speaking with NYPD is that certain cases
16 were designated as being part of a similar pattern based on
17 victimology in this case, that is, specifically a contact
18 between the victims and Fahd Hussain. But, when Mr. Roth is
19 speaking of a file that was sourced in some way, to our
20 knowledge there is no sort of master file, rather there was an
21 indication within reports relating to specific incidents that
22 they might be part of this same pattern in that the victim had
23 a contact or a knowledge or a friendship with Fahd Hussain.

24 The one incident that Mr. Roth mentioned at the end
25 where two people who are not defendants in this case were shown

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1 to the victims as part of photo arrays. We did turn those
2 photo arrays over. We will review the file to see if there are
3 any reports discussing how those individuals came to be
4 included in the arrays. If there are such reports we will
5 certainly turn those over. But, in terms of any other witness
6 statements or Giglio, impeachment material, the government
7 believes it has turned over everything that it is obligated to
8 turn over.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Roth, you have teed it up. The
10 government knows its obligations. If there is anything that
11 the witness has reviewed in connection with their testimony,
12 you should get it. It sounds like you will.

13 MR. ROTH: Judge, one more thing.

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 MR. ROTH: It has come to our attention in the course
16 of reviewing the 3500 material that a rather key witness,
17 Mr. Abdullah who was at the scene of the car abduction that led
18 to the homicide, was a C.I. -- my understanding is he was a
19 C.I. not just for the ATF but various other federal and state
20 law enforcement agencies for a period of over 10 years. I had
21 made an earlier request for that.

22 THE COURT: Request for what?

23 MR. ROTH: Well, any Giglio that is contained within
24 that file concerning prior criminal acts of the witness who
25 will be testifying, payments made to him by the various

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1 agencies, and it is my understanding that the government has
2 been, for some time, trying to obtain that information. Of
3 course, we're at the point where we are opening now so
4 hopefully we will have use of it, but I have urged the
5 government to provide that as quickly as they can obtain it. I
6 think we are entitled to it.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 Government? What is your response to that? I assume
9 they are. He is going to testify, he either has been paid or
10 got a break in sentencing or a non-pros or something. I assume
11 that is going to be relevant to his testimony, right?

12 MS. LESTER: Yes, your Honor. Some of that
13 information is contained in the 3500 through our debriefing of
14 Mr. Abdulla but let me back up for a moment and say first of
15 all this is a victim witness, obviously he is not implicated in
16 the crime in any way although he was engaged in an illegal
17 transaction at the time of the robbery that is an untaxed
18 cigarette transaction. We will elicit on direct that he was a
19 C.I. for several agencies including the ATF for a period of
20 time. We have been in discussion with agencies to try to
21 review his C.I. files and gather the relevant information so
22 that we can turn it over to the defense.

23 Again, in the 3500 we have already turned over some
24 information that he has provided to us about how much money he
25 was paid and over what period of time. But, certainly, we

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1 understand our obligations in terms of Giglio material and we
2 are working to make that available and will turn it over as
3 soon as we have it.

4 THE COURT: Well, I don't know when he is going to
5 testify but let's, hopefully, resolve this as quickly as we
6 can.

7 Speaking of openings, I'm not sure what the government
8 is planning to say, if anything, with respect to the expert who
9 is going to be the subject of the Daubert hearing, but if there
10 is any question we should vet that now so that there is no
11 surprises.

12 MS. LESTER: We don't plan on mentioning the
13 ballistics at all in our opening, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: That makes it easy.

15 Let's talk about jury selection, okay? What I intend
16 to do is after some very brief preliminaries I will call the
17 first 36, I will put 19 in the box, I will then use the first
18 three rows, if we can get maybe the first two and a half rows
19 on my left we should be able to get at least six, probably
20 seven in those, so we will probably use three or at least two
21 and a half of those. That's where I will put the prospective
22 jurors. I will then ask the questions that are designed to see
23 if there are any people who need to be struck for cause. Once
24 we have qualified all 36 then I will do the pedigree
25 information which is useful to you in exercising peremptories.

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1 I have given the parties extra peremptories since there is two
2 defendants so 12 total for the defense, seven total for the
3 government; and then one for the government, one for the
4 defense in terms of alternates. Okay? We are going to have
5 three alternates for the trial.

6 Every once in a while it is necessary to have a side
7 bar or a conference in the robing room with jurors who are not
8 comfortable speaking about certain things, or my concern is
9 that they might be too comfortable speaking about certain
10 things that could potentially taint the rest of the jury. So,
11 I mean, we can either do that in the robing room which is a
12 little tight, or we can do it at the side bar which is not
13 ideal either, but the first question is what do the defendants
14 wish to do? If they want to be present they obviously have a
15 right to, although sometimes the concern of defense lawyers,
16 understandably, is that jurors may be less candid when a
17 defendant is right next to them in a room.

18 So, your call. Whatever you think, but let me know if
19 we have implications for how we do this logistically.

20 (Defendants and counsel conferring)

21 MS. FONTIER: Your Honor, Mr. Dore would waive his
22 right to be present at the side bars or in the robing room.

23 THE COURT: And that is quite customary, Mr. Dore, so
24 that is fine.

25 MR. ROTH: Similarly, your Honor.

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1 THE COURT: There will be a transcript, you can see
2 what is in there and your lawyers will keep you apprised, but
3 that means that we can then move in and out of the robing room
4 as needed. We may not need to, but I think there is a chance
5 we will need to.

6 Anything else about jury selection?

7 MS. MASELLA: No, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: No. All right.

9 Defense counsel?

10 MS. FONTIER: No, your Honor.

11 MR. ROTH: No, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: So, we will call down to see where they're
13 at. In the meantime, why doesn't everybody use the rest rooms
14 because once we get going I don't want to take any breaks.

15 Mr. Dore, you are not wearing a tie which is fine, but
16 if you would like a tie I can probably get you one. Do you
17 have a preference?

18 MR. ROTH: I can certainly get him one at lunchtime
19 too, if he wants.

20 MS. FONTIER: We have ties, your Honor, but the shirt
21 we have is too tight for his neck.

22 THE COURT: You look fine. You look quite nice. I
23 don't think a tie is essential but I wasn't sure if you had
24 one. I have extras if you did. Okay?

25 MS. FONTIER: Thank you very much though, your Honor.

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1 (Pause)

2 THE COURT: It sounds like the jury will not be ready
3 for another half hour or so, that he have just started watching
4 the video. So, they'll call when they're on their way so for
5 now everyone can rest easy. I'm going to go to the robing room
6 but I won't go far, okay? Don't you go far either.

7 (Recess)

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1 (In open court)

2 THE COURT: Have a seat.

3 I think the jury is assembling as we speak. There are
4 a couple of names I wanted to just make sure I understood or
5 know how to pronounce. The first is Dean Gjivivoch.

6 MS. MASELLA: That's our best guess too, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: George Grape. Is it Grape, like the
8 fruit?

9 MS. MASELLA: Correct.

10 THE COURT: Ahmed Mswara, am I pronouncing that right?

11 MS. MASELLA: Yes.

12 THE COURT: Dr. Monica Smiddy is from the Office of
13 the City Medical Examiner. Is that what OCME is?

14 MS. MASELLA: Yes.

15 THE COURT: Office of the City Medical Examiner.

16 Okay. Those were the questions I have.

17 Any other thoughts about the names of the witnesses?
18 William Rodriguez is the police officer who was referenced this
19 morning by Mr. Roth, I'm told. Do you agree? You have no
20 reason to disagree, I guess. Right?

21 MR. ROTH: Right.

22 THE COURT: Anything else before the jury gets here?

23 MR. ROTH: Yes. In the interim, the government has
24 revealed to us that Janiel Brown will be a witness, and they
25 revealed to us that there were certain ex parte conversations

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1 in that regard, and also in regard to a protective order
2 regarding the 3500 material, in terms of, it has been turned
3 over just now --

4 THE COURT: Right.

5 MR. ROTH: -- for attorney's eyes only, and I just
6 wanted to bring it to the attention of the Court so the Court
7 could explain that to Mr. Barrett. He's very concerned that
8 we, the lawyers, are holding something back from him. I have
9 discussed it with him, but I have told him I can't give him
10 copies of that. He was concerned. That's my understanding of
11 the Court's direction.

12 THE COURT: I think there was correspondence, I think
13 it was late Thursday and then an ex parte conference with one
14 of the government lawyers on Friday, and, at that time, I made
15 it clear that if there were safety concerns, then those should
16 be addressed, but I wanted the witness to be disclosed as early
17 as possible and certainly in advance of openings. So that
18 sounds like it's happened.

19 With respect to 3500 material, that has been provided,
20 I understand. Right?

21 So I don't know whether we talked about or resolved an
22 attorney's-eyes-only issue or a protective order. So if we
23 want to talk about that now, I guess we can.

24 Are there jurors out there? Don't let them in yet.

25 MS. FONTIER: Your Honor, just to clarify, obviously

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1 we were informed that he would affirmatively be testifying this
2 morning, and I stated that I would agree to a protective order,
3 if that's the right words for it, but that if the government
4 would provide the 3500 material now so that I had time to
5 process it prior to the opening, that I would agree that it
6 would be for attorney's eyes only at this point, until we would
7 have any sort of further discussion and decide when I can show
8 it to Mr. Dore or if it can be given to him, a copy of him, or
9 given -- I can't speak today, which is a bad thing. Or if I
10 may ever provide an actual copy to him.

11 But I did agree that I would, for this morning, have
12 it for attorney's eyes only.

13 THE COURT: Maybe it's best to have the lawyers look
14 at it and if they object to the conditions that the government
15 has attached on the early disclosure of 3500 material, we can
16 take that up. Remember that the Court can require the
17 government to produce 3500 material in advance of the cross,
18 basically, or in advance of the direct, at the conclusion of
19 the direct, but it's the usual practice to make those things
20 available sooner so defense counsel can prepare. I haven't
21 seen it yet. I gather it's in my binder as well. I haven't
22 seen it. So if there are portions of it that would be
23 disclosing sensitive information, then I think that should
24 probably be redacted and made attorney's eyes only or redacted
25 out altogether, but I'm not sure why all of it should be

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1 attorney's eyes only, or, frankly, I'm not even sure what's in
2 there.

3 MR. ROTH: I did a quick run-through right now. I'm
4 not sure what could be sensitive. We knew who the person is,
5 we have had contact, everything else, with her.

6 THE COURT: Is there an objection at this point then,
7 Mr. Roth? You're just alerting me to the possibility of
8 further discussion on the topic?

9 MR. ROTH: Yes.

10 THE COURT: I think that's fair. So I don't think we
11 need to resolve anything before we bring in the jury, or even
12 before openings, necessarily. But if you disagree, then let me
13 know.

14 Okay. Are they here? Not yet. So what we're going
15 to do is we'll seat the jury. Is there a friend or family
16 member here of the defense?

17 MR. ROTH: Yes. That is the family -- well, it's the
18 mother of my client's child.

19 THE COURT: That's fine. Okay. She has a right to be
20 here and is very welcome to be here. When we bring in the
21 jury, if we could ask your client's mother to sit on the back
22 bench towards the corner, just because I want to put the
23 prospective jurors in the box, in the gallery. You certainly
24 have a right to be here. I just want to make sure I can put
25 the jurors all next to each other. Actually, the bench against

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1 the wall, that one there, I think that's probably best. That
2 way I can get the most jurors seated all in a row. Thanks.

3 All right. So once the jurors are here, my law clerk
4 will seat them. I'll then come out and then we'll start the
5 examination of the prospective jurors.

6 Anything before I step off? No, okay. So let's keep
7 everybody in the courtroom.

8 MS. FONTIER: Your Honor, I don't know if it's
9 possible, if Mr. Brown -- I'm sorry, if Mr. Dore can be taken
10 in the back and not his codefendant so I may have a chance to
11 speak privately with him.

12 THE COURT: All right.

13 MS. FONTIER: If that's possible, just for the moment.

14 THE COURT: Okay. That's fine. Let's not bring
15 anybody in. Let's not bring in jurors until Mr. Dore is back.

16 (Jury selection ensued)

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